

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Kindly delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-10.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-11 and amend claims 1, 3, 6, and 12 as follows:

D1  
1. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment of a disruption of the corneal epithelium in a patient, said method comprising administering to the eye of said patient a trefoil protein selected from the group consisting of intestinal trefoil factor (ITF), spasmolytic peptide (SP), pS2, and biologically active fragments thereof.

D2  
3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said trefoil protein is intestinal trefoil factor (ITF).

D3  
6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said disorder is a corneal ulcer, or is caused by a traumatic physical injury, eye surgery, a chemical exposure, or an ultraviolet light exposure.

D4  
12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein administration is topical.